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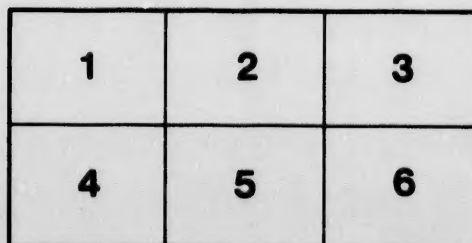
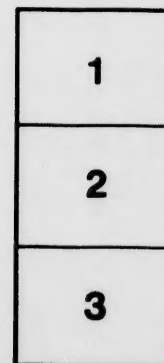
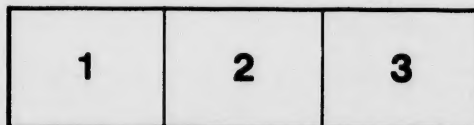
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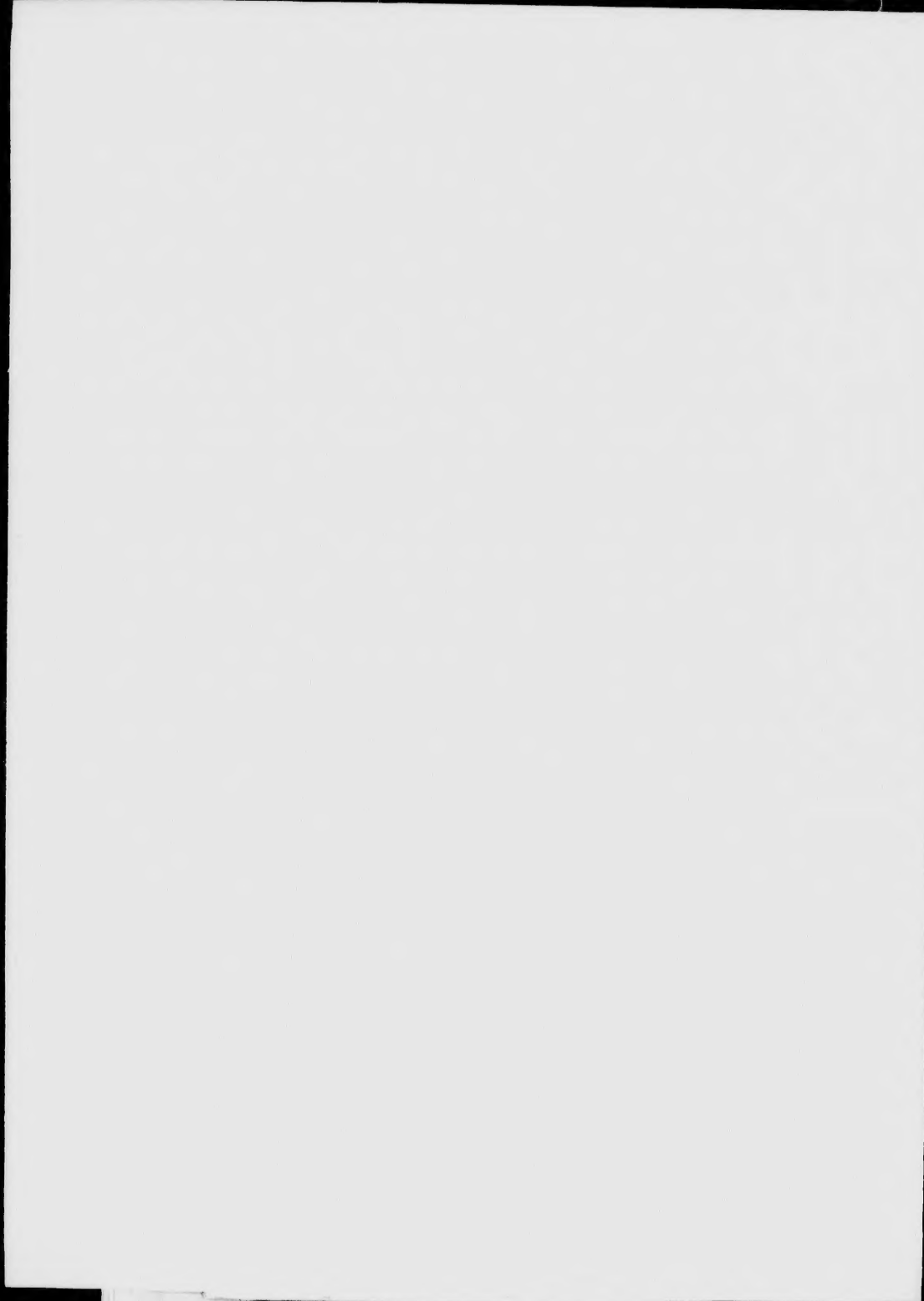
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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

JOSEPH W. CAREY,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA,

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

For the Year ending 31st December, 1884.



VICTORIA, B. C.

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NAMES OF
Members of the City Council,
FOR THE YEAR 1884.

MAYOR:

Joseph W. Carey.

COUNCILLORS:

Joseph Wriglesworth,

Louis Vigelius,

Charles Gowen,

John Boyd,

J. Porter,

W. D. McKillican,

J. Robertson,

W. A. Robertson,

W. McCulloch.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, VICTORIA, B. C.,

31st December, 1884.

Gentlemen:—

It has become the custom for the executive officer of the Corporation to submit to you a short report of the work that has been accomplished by the Council during their year of office, and also to include a synopsis of the various institutions under Municipal control.

I congratulate you upon the unparalleled prosperity that has attended the city during the past year, the solid and substantial progress which has taken place, evidenced by the erection of new buildings in all parts of the city, the value of which, amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$800,000, no previous year has ever witnessed. This most gratifying result of advancement and rapid improvement in the city, and the future outlook for making Victoria *the great city of the west*, is most encouraging.

By the strict and impartial method adopted by you in letting Corporation work by contract, you have succeeded in accomplishing more work this year than any Council that ever preceded you, and you have not left any contract outstanding to be completed by your successors; an iniquitous practice, (contrary to the Municipal Act), which has prevailed in previous Municipal bodies, and which cannot be too strongly condemned. If previous Councils could overrun the revenue, without consulting the rate-payers, and this Council was liable for the debts, there is nothing to prevent any succeeding Council from incurring liabilities to any extent, and so swamp the city finances years in advance of receiving them.

This question has now become a serious matter for the rate-payers to consider, and ought to be thoroughly ventilated and a final decision obtained to settle this point.

A fair revision of the real estate assessment roll by the incoming Council will contribute to some extent to increase the city revenue, but not so as to encourage or warrant wild and extravagant expenditure in undertakings long in advance of the requirements of the city.

With respect to a system of sewerage, suitable for this city, I am not required to instruct the citizens by a treatise on sanitary engineering. Any one who has spent the last six months in this city cannot have failed to have heard enough about sewerage and sewer gas, malaria, etc., but the difficulty in the way of a perfect system of sewers for Victoria is of another character. It cannot be had without paying the cost, and the limited capacity of the city treasury, considered with the magnitude of the undertaking to construct a complete work, will, I fear, be a serious barrier. The incapacity of our population, at present, to bear heavy taxation, will no doubt deter the city government for some time to come from commencing this enterprise, however pressing the necessity may be. Therefore it would seem that other sanitary measures must be resorted to for the present, and rigidly enforced. But, notwithstanding the assertions to the contrary, and taking into consideration the many invalids from the various parts of the Province and Puget Sound, who come here for medical aid, and the vast increase in the population during the past year, the Burial Record establishes the fact that the mortality in the year 1883 was greater by 57 than during the past year; this result would seem to point to the fact that no reliance whatever can be placed upon unofficial reports, or upon the opinions of men who may be desirous of, or interested in involving the city in a large debt.

I have also to congratulate you upon the suppression of public gambling within the city, a practice which has continued in our midst for over a quarter of a century, bringing disgrace, misery and ruin upon young and old, who visited the haunts of games of chance. Previous Mayors and Councillors consulted only their own popularity, but you considered the welfare of your fellow citizens and the rising generation in preference to popularity, and lent your aid to crush the monster evil out of existence.

POLICE MAGISTRATE.

You have also, during your year of office, and in the exercise of your judgment, made a change in the office of Police Magistrate, and appointed a gentleman learned in the law to that position; one who is not likely by his decisions to infringe on the liberty of Her Majesty's subjects, and, so

far as I know, the appointment has given general satisfaction to all classes of the community. His advice on matters connected with the Corporation will at all times be available, and no doubt will prove beneficial to the pockets of the rate-payers.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The electric light, as at present supplied, I believe to be a failure, so far as the demands of the city require, and demonstrates without doubt the necessity of providing other or additional means for the satisfactory lighting of the city. The present contract can, I believe, at any time be annulled if the light produced is not equal to an illuminating power of 50,000 candles, (which the Corporation have no means of testing.) At no time during the reading test this year did the reading test come up to the contract.

ROCK CRUSHER AND STEAM DRILL.

Both these machines were tested to the full extent of their capacity during the year, and the result proves beyond a doubt that neither in blasting or crushing rock has any saving been made compared with hand labor.

EXTENSION OF RUPERT STREET.

Lots 1246 and 1194 on McClure and Collinson streets have been purchased for the sum of \$900 for this purpose.

EXTENSION OF CHATHAM STREET.

A portion of lot 60, Spring Ridge, has been purchased for the purpose of widening this street; the sum paid was \$200.

EXTENSION OF YATES STREET.

In order to carry Yates street through to Fort the sum of \$652 50 was paid B. W. Pearse for purchase of portion of his property.

CITY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Statement of work performed during the year 1884:

Bridges, etc.—James Bay Bridge was re-planked and strengthened at a cost of \$835.

Two additional stone piers have been built at a cost of \$1,600.

The bridge on McClure street, near the R. E. Church, has been repaired at a cost of \$104 50, and that also on St. Lawrence street at a cost of \$49. Those two bridges were repaired by the City Carpenter.

A retaining wall was built at the west end of Telegraph street, by contract; cost, \$285.

The cutlay on streets this year, by contract, has been \$6,819 76, as follows:

JOHNSON STREET WARD.

Telegraph street, blasting and grading.	\$ 435 50
Bay street, blasting and grading.	793 20
Herald street, blasting.	1,065 25
Chatham street, grading.	662 00—\$2,955 95

YATES STREET WARD.

Yates street, blasting and grading.	\$3,390 85
Douglas street, blasting.	150 40— 3,541 25

JAMES BAY WARD.

Wharf street, blasting and grading.	322 56
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\$6 819 76

Rock taken out in above mentioned contracts. 1,580 yds.

Rock taken out by steam drill, various localities 876 yds.

Total quantity of rock taken out. 2,456 yds.
 Rock broken by hand during the year, 240 yards, costing \$312.00.
 Rock broken by stone crusher during the year, 1,567 yards.
 Total quantity of rock broken, 1,807 yards.
 Rock unbroken remaining on hand, 649 yards.
 Rock broken remaining on hand, 38 yards.

LENGTHS AND WIDTHS OF STREETS GRADED.

Bay street, 550 feet in length, 20 feet wide.
 Chatham street, 2,478 feet in length, 1,571 of which is 30 feet, and 907 is 20 feet wide.

Telegraph street, 300 feet in length, 30 feet wide.

Wharf street, 350 feet in length, 20 feet wide.

Yates street, 1,380 feet in length, 40 feet wide.

Total, 5,058 feet graded.

SIDEWALKS LAID BY CONTRACT.

No. Ft.	Cost.
720 feet, 10 feet	\$ 432 40
376 " 8 "	165 44
468 " 6 "	196 56
111 " 4 "	22 20
1,669 " 2 "	267 05

3,844

\$1,083 65

Five thousand feet of new sidewalk was laid by the City Carpenter, who also relaid 630 feet of old. Total cost, \$2,518.22. Total for sidewalks, \$3,601.87.

Miscellaneous work performed by day labor on the streets, under the superintendence of Mr. Dewsnap, the cost of which amounts to \$2,924.50, was distributed in the several wards as follows:

Johnson street ward.	\$1,047 50
Yates street ward.	870 00
James Bay ward.	1,007 00

Total. \$2,924 50

The balance spent for repairs to bridges, sprinkling and other work throughout the area of the city, which covers 1,880 acres, amounts to \$7,051.24. Total expenditure on streets, \$21,421.50

P. J. LEECH,
 City Surveyor.

WATER WORKS.

The Water Works are in a satisfactory condition, and have yielded, this year, an increase of revenue over that of last year amounting to \$4,183. There has also been constructed at the head works a handsome residence for the Care-taker and his family, costing \$1,177. There has been a good road built to the Dam during the past year, at a cost of \$90. Herewith is appended the report of the Water Works Engineer:

MAINS LAID DURING THE YEAR.

Government street.....	900	feet of 4-inch pipe.
Government street.....	300	" 2-inch "
Yates street.....	1,400	" 5-inch "
Yates street.....	1,200	" 3-inch "
Wharf street.....	1,000	" 4-inch "
Johnson street.....	300	" 4-inch "
Chatham street.....	300	" 4-inch "
Chatham street.....	100	" 2-inch "
King's road.....	1,000	" 4-inch "
King's road.....	600	" 2-inch "
Collinson street.....	900	" 2-inch "

(1,400 5-inch, 3,500 4-inch, 1,200 3-inch, 1,000 2-inch—8,000 feet.)

Sixteen new hydrants were placed in position for use of Fire Department.

One one hundred and seventy new services to dwellings have been connected during the year, which required 5,000 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lead pipe and 1,200 feet of 1-inch coated pipe.

ALEX. HENDRY,
Water Works Engineer.

POLICE.

This force consists of ten men, all told, and is directly under the supervision of Superintendent C. P. Bloomfield, a very intelligent and most efficient officer, assisted by Sergeant Flewin. Both officers and men have given entire satisfaction during the year. The annual report of the Superintendent is herewith appended:

Cost.
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CITY POLICE RECORD FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Offences Committed by all Others, other than Indians and Chinese.	On remand, wait- ing trial.	Convicted in Po- lice Court.	Committed for trial.	Discharged.	Total.
Drunk and disorderly	224	0	7		231
Vagrants and idle or disorderly persons	69	0	9		78
Assaults	41	3	17		61
Indian Liquor Act (offences against).	11	0	1		12
Larceny	14	11	14		39
Murder	0	1	0	1	
Carrying concealed weapons	2	0	0	2	
Malicious injuries to property	6	0	2	8	
Cutting and wounding	1	1	0	2	
Abduction	0	0	1	1	
Unlawful gaming	0	0	6	6	
City By-laws (offences against).	30	0	10	40	
Safe-keeping	2	0	76	78	
Game Laws (offences against)	4	0	0	4	
Resisting Police.	5	0	2	7	
Nights' lodgings	0	0	32	32	
Refusing to pay wages	1	0	0	1	
Robbery, with violence	1	2	0	3	
House breaking	0	2	0	2	
Burglary	0	4	1	5	
Using threatening language	3	0	4	7	
Naval deserters	15	0	0	15	
Merchant Shipping Act (offences against)	4	0	1	5	
Assault on females (indecent)	1	0	0	1	
Rescuing prisoners	3	0	0	3	
Forcible entry	0	0	1	1	
Defrauding the revenue	2	0	0	2	
Cruelty to animals	2	0	0	2	
Embezzlement	0	1	1	2	
Trespass	0	0	1	1	
Neglecting to provide for child	1	0	0	1	
Liable	0	2	0	2	
Possession of burglars' tools	2	0	0	2	
Steamboat Act (offences against)	1	0	0	1	
Shooting with intent	0	1	0	1	
Unlawfully killing cattle	0	1	0	1	
Mail robbery	1	0	0	1	
Grand total	1 445	29	186	661	

Discharged.....	Committed for trial.....	On remand, waiting trial.....	Total.....
7	231		
0	78		
3	61		
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445	29	186	661

INDIANS.	On remand, waiting trial.....	Convicted in Police Court.....	Committed for trial.....	Discharged.....	Total.....
Drunk and disorderly.....	176	0	0	176	
Vagrants.....	15	0	0	15	
Assault.....	5	0	2	7	
Indian Liquor Act (offences against).....	46	0	12	48	
Safe-keeping.....	0	0	15	15	
Murder.....	0	4	2	6	
Cutting and wounding.....	1	0	0	1	
Larceny.....	3	0	2	5	
Malicious injury to property.....	4	0	0	4	
Game Laws (offences against).....	1	0	0	1	
Nights' lodgings.....	0	0	2	2	
Resisting Police.....	2	0	0	2	
Carrying concealed weapons.....	1	0	0	1	
Burglary.....	0	2	0	2	
Grand total.....	254	6	25	285	

CHINESE.	On remand, waiting trial.....	Convicted in Police Court.....	Committed for trial.....	Discharged.....	Total.....
Drunk and disorderly.....	3	0	0	3	
Vagrants.....	12	0	0	12	
Assault.....	6	0	5	11	
Larceny.....	16	4	2	22	
Safe-keeping.....	0	0	6	6	
City By-laws (offences against).....	18	0	3	19	
Rape.....	0	1	0	1	
Abduction.....	0	2	1	3	
Defrauding the revenue.....	0	0	1	1	
Possession of H. M. seamen's clothing.....	0	0	1	1	
Assisting H. M. seamen to desert.....	1	0	0	1	
Indian Liquor Act (offences against).....	1	0	0	1	
Unlawful gaming.....	26	1	0	27	
Intimidating officers.....	0	3	0	3	
Grand total.....	26	56	10	19	111

RECAPITULATION.

Convicted in Police Court.....	755
Committed for trial.....	45
Discharged.....	256

On remand, waiting trial in Police Court.....	27	
Total.....	1,057	
Whites (including all but Indians and Chinese).....	661	
Indians.....	285	
Chinese.....	111	
Total.....	1,057	
Number of arrests.....	951	
Summoned.....	106	
Total.....	1,057	
	1883.	1884.
Whites.....	504	661
Indians.....	215	285
Chinese.....	47	111
Total.....	766	1,057

Unclaimed property, one lady's broach.

CHARLES P. BLOOMFIELD,
Chief of Police.

FINANCES.

It is gratifying to be able to state to you that the finances of the city are in a most satisfactory condition, as will appear when the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor are laid before you and published for the general information of the citizens.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This Department is under the command of C. J. Phillips, Chief Engineer, and Assistant J. Morley. The well known energy and perseverance of these officers, and their strict attention to duty upon all occasions has made the three regular fire companies a most efficient and valuable body of men for the protection of life and property.

The brigade consists, at present, of 131 able-bodied men. The apparatus is as follows: 2 steam engines, manual engines, 6 hose carts, 1 truck (carrying 4 ladders and 9 hooks), 3,350 feet of hose, 100 feet of garden hose and all modern equipage necessary for efficiency. Twenty ladders are distributed throughout the city. There are 12 cisterns for fire purposes, each containing 13,000 gallons of water, and the number of fire hydrants is 39.

The companies are possessed of 2 two-story brick buildings, 1 two-story and 1 one-story wooden building, in which the apparatus is securely housed.

The property destroyed by fire during the year is valued at \$3,500. One death occurred—a Chinese boy.

BY-LAWS PASSED DURING THE YEAR.

No. 103 A. By-law to amend the By-law for regulating the meetings and the general conduct of business of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, 1884.

104. Officers Remuneration By-Law, 1884.

105. The Buildings Removal By-law, 1884.

106. The Sanitary By-law, 1884.

107. Hack Regulation By-law, 1884.

108. Municipal Assessment and Appeal By-law, 1884.

109. The Ross Bay Cemetery By-law, 1884.

110. The Poor Relief By-law, 1884.

111. The Wash-house and Laundry By-law, 1884.

112. Officers Remuneration Amendment By-law, 1884.

113. Municipal Election By-law, 1885.

114. Officers Remuneration Amendment By-law, 1885.

FIELD,
Chief of Police.

CITY HALL, VICTORIA, 2d Jan., 1885.

To His Worship the Mayor and Municipal Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report for your information the following statistics of the burials in Ross Bay Cemetery for the year ending 31st December, 1884, viz:

	Males.	Females.	Tl.
Children, still-born.....	5	5	10
“ under 12 months of age.....	12	18	30
“ from 1 to 5 years of age.....	4	10	14
“ from 5 to 10 “ “.....	6	3	9
From 10 to 15 years of age.....	1	5	6
“ 15 to 20 “ “.....	2	2	4
“ 20 to 40 “ “.....	13	7	20
“ 40 to 60 “ “.....	44	8	52
“ 60 to 70 “ “.....	15	3	18
“ 70 to 80 “ “.....	5	2	7
“ 80 to 90 “ “.....	1	3	4
Over 90 years of age.....		none.	
Indians.....	8	10	18
Chinese.....	41	2	43
Total.....	157	78	235

The nationalities are as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Tl.
British Columbia.....	24	36	60
England.....	25	11	36
Ireland.....	4	3	7
Scotland.....	11	4	15
Wales.....	3	0	3
Channel Islands.....	1	0	1
Canada.....	6	2	8
United States.....	11	2	13
France.....	6	0	6
Germany.....	5	2	7
Russia.....	1	0	1
Denmark.....	1	0	1
West Indies.....	1	0	1

	Males.	Females.	T'l.
Peru.....	0	1	1
Unknown	4	0	4
Indians.....	8	10	18
Chinese.....	41	2	43
Still-born children.....	5	5	10
Total.....	157	78	235

I find, on examination of last year's report, that in that year 292 burials took place, which shows that in the year just closed there were 57 less than the previous year.

The above record is all the information I can obtain from the cemetery records. The causes of death I am unable to give, as that information has never been asked for on application for permits to bury, nor could the information be obtained on application at the Register-General's office.

I am unable also to give you the information asked for as to those who have been buried who have been in the Province a number of years, owing to a great number of them being miners, and their names are unknown to the officers of the Corporation.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JAMES D. ROBINSON,
 Secretary Ross Bay Cemetery.

POUNDKEEPER'S REPORT.

Animals impounded during the year:—

245 Cows, fees received.....	\$245 00
135 Horses, "	135 0
2 Goats, "	1 25

Total amount of Fees.....\$381 25

RECOMMENDATION.

I would recommend to our successors the erection of a police barracks and lock-up adjoining and connected with the City Hall. Should this most desirable object be accomplished, it would afford greater protection to the building and render more secure the maps, records and archives of the Corporation. In my opinion the Provincial Government should contribute to this work.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I think you have been instrumental in forwarding the best interests of the city in the administration of its government, and in taking my leave of you, I do so with a firm belief that you have done your duty.

I tender my best thanks to the officers of the Corporation for having faithfully and zealously performed their duties, and who have upon all occasions aided assisted me in the discharge of mine.

Wishing you all success in future, I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOS. W. CAREY.

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